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Thursday, 19 February 1953

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1. Talked to [REDACTED] again about regulations which will implement our policy of providing housing for our overseas personnel. He is working on it today with Procurement and hopes to have it ready for me tomorrow. I think this is all being slowed up by an undercurrent of disagreement with the policy which has already been documented, and I am pressing [REDACTED] to get this out. H

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2. I talked to Bill Peel about the special arrangements for [REDACTED] and asked him to follow through on this.

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Also asked him to get Regulation [REDACTED] up here so Mr. Dulles could sign it as one of his first official acts after confirmation.

At Mr. Peel's request, I returned his staff study on the centralization of graphics, so that he can attempt to iron out the disagreements with DD/P.

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3. Dr. Tietjen telephoned to say that he was going to have to disapprove [REDACTED] for further employment. I told him of the arrangements I had just made concerning [REDACTED] and asked him to withhold further action until he receives my memorandum on this subject.

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4. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that, in the past, it had been customary to buy supplies [REDACTED] locally and that, in his opinion, we were not getting things as cheaply as we might if we shopped around a bit. I told him that we were certainly not obliged to buy from anyone except the lowest bidder for the same services and supplies and that he should proceed accordingly.

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5. Talked to [REDACTED] Special Contracting Officer, about straightening out a certain contract for the FE Division, which was erroneously written in excess of an amount which the Special Contracting Officer is authorized to write. I have this one straightened out, I am sure, and also have [REDACTED] straightened out to where I don't believe he will make this error again.

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6. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that Governor Peterson's visit [REDACTED] definitely would not take place this week but might any time from Tuesday on of next week.

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He also inquired about the succession list, and I told him [REDACTED] was taking care of this for me.

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7. Talked to George Carey again about the case of [REDACTED] in Los Angeles and emphasized that I saw no solution to this problem except to tell Colonel [REDACTED] frankly that we could not pay transportation cost for his household goods back to the East. He also asked my advice on honoring a request from FI to resettle an ex-agent of ours, [REDACTED] From what he told me over the phone,

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I told him I thought it was very questionable and that, were I in his position, I would not obligate funds for this purpose without specific instructions in writing to do so. ^{He} later took this case up with Lofty Becker who, in turn, took it up with Mr. Wolf. Mr. Wolf thought it sounded highly improper and asked me to request [redacted] to look into it. [redacted] telephoned later to say that he would like to have [redacted] come up and brief me on this case. I agreed. [redacted] called back to say that, in view of these arrangements, he would take no further action unless he got a request from me to do so. As^{of} now, I am waiting for a call from [redacted]

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8. With Walter Phorzheimer met Mr. Dulles at 12:30 to brief him on [redacted] prior to his conference with Senator Knowland on this subject.

9. [redacted] brought up a draft of a notice requiring all personnel to refer inquiries from the Press to Colonel Grogan, and I passed it to [redacted] to prepare in final form and expedite publication and distribution.

10. [redacted] inquired as to the status of [redacted] request for recall to active duty after his retirement this summer. I told him that I was under the impression that this had all been settled with the Department of Defense, but that I would see that Personnel followed through and gave [redacted] accurate information.

11. Shef Edwards telephoned to brief me on the arrangements to let [redacted] have classified information at his home. I&S has provided a safe and it is all right for [redacted] to keep material up through Secret in this safe. Top Secret papers which go out to his house must be returned to the Jackson Committee's safes before the end of the day. Shef said that he had taken the position that, while we were providing the service and safe, the responsibility for this arrangement rests with the Jackson Committee and I agreed.

13. Pursuant to Mr. Dulles' request noted in the minutes of the Deputies Meeting several days ago, I asked Walter Phorzheimer to attempt to get a full unedited copy of General Smith's testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during his confirmation hearing.

14. [redacted] Acting Chief of Procurement and Supply, was up to solicit my assistance in what they consider to be improper realignment of parking space in this area. I told him I would talk to [redacted] about it and see what could be done.

He also expressed his concern about the new regulation which will provide housing to our overseas employees. He cites Bill No. 55 of the 82nd Congress on Floor Space, Bill No. 48 of the 82nd Congress on Construction, and Bureau of the Budget Circular No. 15 of 1948 on Furniture, Etc. While he recognizes that we

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cannot prescribe conditions which will pertain to the various stations, he believes that our regulation must be rigid enough to be interpreted fairly uniformly by the various stations and that, where they cannot comply with the formula which we set up, they would have to check back with Washington before going ahead. When [REDACTED] finally gets this regulation finished, I think it may be necessary to have another round-table conference to iron out these things. 25X1A9a

15. I approved of Edwards' taking tomorrow off. [REDACTED] will be Acting ADDA(I&S). 25X1A9a

16. I approved of TSS purchasing a special camera at a cost of approximately \$3,875, which will be manufactured to meet their special requirements in documentation research. This is not an item which I think is likely to come to the attention of the Joint Committee on Printing.

17. George Meloon warned me that I might get some complaints from the Agency because it had been necessary for him to send six additional secretaries to the Jackson Committee.

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Wednesday, 18 February 1953

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1. Shef Edwards said that he had met with [REDACTED] and General [REDACTED] and had agreed to provide Top Secret couriers to transmit war plans to and from [REDACTED] in Europe. He has requested that a secure procedure be worked out for this, but there may be one trip coming up within the next few days which he has agreed to handle.

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2. General Morris reports that he has made necessary arrangements with the Department of Defense to have Colonel Edwards' application for retirement this summer approved when it is received over there. He will have the Military Personnel Division assist Colonel Edwards in preparing the proper papers which will be sent to the Secretary of Defense.

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